

## MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

M #20-26

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Briggs Farm #2

**2 LOCATION**

STREET &amp; NUMBER

Rte. 124 &amp; Long Draft Road

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Montgomery

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

## CATEGORY

☒ DISTRICT  
☒ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

## OWNERSHIP

☒ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH  
**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**  
☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

## STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS  
**ACCESSIBLE**  
☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

## PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE  
☐ COMMERICAL  
☐ EDUCATIONAL  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT  
☐ GOVERNMENT  
☐ INDUSTRIAL  
☐ MILITARY  
☐ MUSEUM  
☒ PARK  
☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ OTHER:

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Rabbitt?

Telephone #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Gaithersburg

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Montgomery County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

Rockville

STATE

Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

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### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED  
☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The farm, although now declining, was obviously a show-place during the early 1900's. There is a large, unusual-appearing farm house at the end of a tree-lined drive. To the rear of this area number of barns and farm buildings-all of them built in a style similar to that of the house. There are several tenant houses, including a three-bay, L-shaped structure alongside Rte. 124.

This farm was not actually examined during the course of the survey.

*This house vacated and vandalized  
prior to 2/21/82*

*Kim Kimlin MHT*

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE**

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| PERIOD  | AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW |   |   |  |
|---|--|---|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC          | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC  | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING     | <input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE | <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC     | <input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION           | <input type="checkbox"/> LAW                    | <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599            | <input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS              | <input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE             | <input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE            | <input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION              | <input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY               | <input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799            | <input type="checkbox"/> ART                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING            | <input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC                  | <input type="checkbox"/> THEATER             |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899 | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE                | <input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT | <input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY             | <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 1900-                | <input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS          | <input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY               | <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT    | <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)     |
|   |  | <input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION              |   |  |

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

This is perhaps the remaining survivor of the prosperous farms that reflected Gaitherburg's status as the center of agricultural activities for Mont. Co. during the late-19th and early 20th Century. According to Tom Whetzel, this place was once lost in a poker game to W.O. Dosh, who ran a livery stable in Gaithersburg. Reportedly, Mr. Dosh got his opponent inebriated and had him sit in front of a large mirror (at some hotel in town, now gone), where he could see his cards.

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**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY \_\_\_\_\_

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**III FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

Michael F. Dwyer, Senior Park Historian

ORGANIZATION

M-NCPPC

DATE

2/23/73

STREET &amp; NUMBER

8787 Georgia Ave.

TELEPHONE

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CITY OR TOWN

Silver Spring

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

See correspondence dated May 16, 1984

ACTION TAKEN

The following area sites were reviewed either as part of this Plan or at previous public hearings and were found not suitable for regulation under the Historic Preservation Ordinance. This Plan recommends their removal from the Locational Atlas. Although removed from the Locational Atlas these sites will remain on the Maryland Historical Trust's Inventory of State Historical Resources.

| <u>Site No.</u> | <u>Name</u>                            | <u>Planning Board<br/>Hearing Date</u> |
|-----------------|--|--|
| 20/1            | Remus Dorsey Tenant House**            | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/2            | Dorsey Cemetery                        | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/3            | Shaw Cemetery                          | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/5            | Snouffer Schoolhouse                   | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/6            | Urah Bowman House**                    | 6/17/82                                |
| 20/7            | Day Farm Barns**                       | 9/25/80                                |
| 20/8            | Emory Grove Camp Meeting Grounds       | 7/5/83 - 7/6/83                        |
| 20/9            | Emory Grove Methodist Episcopal Church | 7/5/83 - 7/6/83                        |
| 20/10           | MINERAL SPRING HOUSES                  | 4/12/84                                |
| 20/11           | SYLVESTER THOMPSON'S STORE             | 4/12/84                                |
| 20/12           | FIELD'S KING FARM                      | 4/12/84                                |
| 20/13           | WATKINS FARMHOUSE                      | 4/12/84                                |
| 20/14           | Peters House/Monument View Hill        | 7/22/82                                |
| 20/15           | Gaither/Howes House                    | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/16           | Heater/Crown Farm                      | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| *20/18          | THOMPSON HOUSE**                       | 10/9/83                                |
| 20/19           | Windy Knoll Farm                       | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/20           | Hunting Hill Church                    | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/22           | Hunting Hill Store and Post Office     | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| 20/23           | Ward/Garrett Cemetery                  | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| *20/24          | Mills House                            | 1/20/83                                |
| 20/25           | Briggs Farm #1**                       | 7/24/80                                |
| <u>20/26</u>    | BRIGGS FARM #2**                       | 4/12/84                                |
| 20/27           | Pleasant View Church**                 | 6/17/82                                |
| 20/29           | Woodlands Site and Smokehouse          | 4/5/83 - 4/6/83                        |
| *20/30          | RAILROAD UNDERPASS                     | 4/12/84                                |

\* Recommended for designation by the Montgomery County Historic Preservation Commission.

\*\* No longer standing.

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ACTION TAKEN

I am pleased to transmit to you a copy of the Final Draft Amendment to the Master Plan for Historic Preservation: Gaithersburg Area Resources. This Plan recommends that only one of the remaining Gaithersburg area resources (the Belward Farm/Ward House, Site #20/21) be placed on the Master Plan for Historic Preservation.

This Amendment recommends against the designation of the following resources on the Master Plan:

- . Railroad Underpass, Site #20/30
- . Mineral Spring Houses, Site #20/10 1 & 2
- . Sylvester Thompson's House & Store, Site #20/11
- . Fields/King Farm, Site #20/12
- . Watkins Farmhouse, Site #20/13
- . Briggs Farm #2, Site #20/26



NAME #20-26 BRIGGS FARM #2 (JOHNSTON + RABBIT)

LOCATION RTE. 124, GAITHERSBURG, MD.

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PHOTO TAKEN 2/23/73 M. DWYER